

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

A. In the January 4, 2007 U.S. Patent & Trademark Office [hereinafter USPTO] paper, the USPTO alleged that the claims were directed to different inventions and could be classified into three different groups, as follows:

Group I, including Claims 1-11, 19 and 20, drawn to a catalyst system, capable of catalyzing the carbonylation of an ethylenically unsaturated compound;

Group II, including Claims 12-18, drawn to a carbonylation process in the presence of the catalyst system; and

Group III, including Claim 21-30, directed to a method for the preparation of an intermediate for the bidentate phosphine of general formula (I).

B. Further the USPTO has alleged that "this element" is shown in US 4960949.

C. Lastly, the USPTO has required an election of species.

Applicants traverse as follows:

Insofar as the unity of invention/restriction requirement is concerned, the USPTO has not alleged that the claims of the individual Groups must be searched in fields of search which are mutually exclusive. Accordingly, there is no basis on the record for the restriction requirement. For

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the purposes of response applicants elect Group I.

With respect to paragraph B., applicants have undertaken a word search ["adamantine" and "adamantyl"] of U.S. 4960949 on the USPTO website, and the result(s) was/were "No patents have matched your query." Accordingly, the USPTO reliance on U.S. 4960949, for the allegations in paragraph 2., at page 2, of the January 4, 2007 paper are not supported.

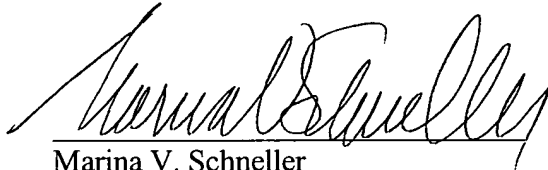
With respect to paragraph C., above, applicants note that the January 4, 2007 USPTO paper does not conform to MPEP Section 1893.03(d): Section 1893.03(d) specifically requires that the Examiner of a National Stage application to

" List each species *by figure number or by embodiment.*" [Section 1893.03(d)].

For the purposes of response, applicants elect 1, 2 (diadamantylphosphinomethyl) benzene.

Presently all pending claims embrace that species.

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